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1. FOLLOWING ARE HEADQUARTERS TRACES FYI [LONDON] ONLY
 ON WILLIAM GAUDET AND
 ANTONIO VECIANA MENTIONED REF.

2. WILLIAM GEORGE GAUDET

DPOB: 21 SEPTEMBER 1908, ST. JAMES, LOUISIANA, USA

CIT: U.S.

AS OF CA 1953 GAUDET'S ADDRESS WAS GIVEN AS 2176 ESPLANADE AVENUE,
 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. HE WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF LATIN AMERICA
 AND PUBLISHED IN THE EARLY 1950'S A MAGAZINE OR BULLETIN "LATIN
 AMERICAN REPORTS". HE WAS A CONTACT OF DCD FROM 1948 UNTIL NOVEMBER
 1961 IN NEW ORLEANS AREA. HE WAS DEBRIEFED ON HIS LATIN AMERICAN
 TRAVELS 1948-1955 AND WAS A CASUAL CONTACT FROM 1955-1961.
 GAUDET WAS AMONG INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN A LETTER OF 24 JANUARY
 1978 TO CIA FROM THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS. THE
 COMMITTEE INTENDED CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH GAUDET AND INQUIRED
 IF DCD HAD EVER BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIM. HQS RESPONDED ON 27 JAN
 1978 SAYING WE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIM FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS,
 BUT HAD NO CURRENT CONTACT WITH OR RECENT INTEREST IN HIM.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT GAUDET HAS MADE THIS CLAIM
 BEFORE, THAT OF HAVING BEEN AN "OPERATIVE" AND HAS EXAGGERATED
 HIS ROLE WITH THE AGENCY. AS AN INTERESTING HISTORICAL ASIDE,
 AN ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON "STAR" (15 JAN 1976) REPORTED GAUDET
 HAD RECEIVED MEXICAN TOURIST VISA IN NEW ORLEANS, APPARENTLY CIRCA
 1963. HIS VISA NUMBER IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED THAT OF VISA GRANTED
 LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

3. ANTONIO CARLOS VECIANA BLANCH (201-0312966)

DPOB: 18 OCTOBER 1928, CUBA

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